



The Ioyfull entrie of the *Dukedome of Brabant, &*

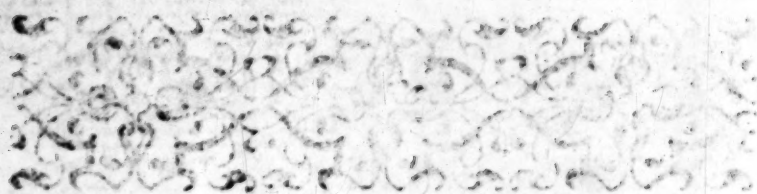
the Articles agreed vpon, and graunted by
their Lordes, and confirmed by the Empe-
rour *Charles the Fiste*, and solemnely
Sworne by *Philippe his sonne*
King of *Spaine*.

Anno 1549.

Set foorth to the viewe of al
louers of the trueth, who openly may see
therein, how the same in no wise is perfour-
med, (the Lord in his mercie amende it) but to the
contrary, in place of getting and preseruing of Pri-
uiledges and liberties, they are through the in-
spiration of the Pope and his allyed, with
all crueltie and Tyrannie, broken,
taken away, & totally voyd.

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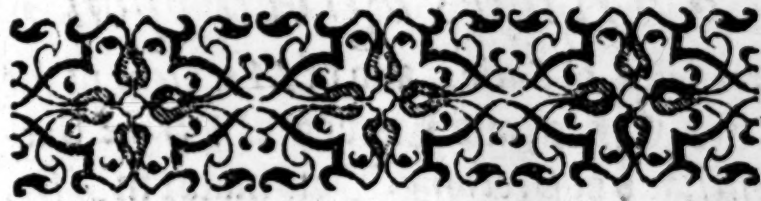
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The establishing of the
King of Spaine, in gouernment of the
Lowe countreys vppon those Articles
following to the which he is most
solemply sworne.



Charles by the grace of
God, Emperour of
Rome, alwaies augmen-
ting of y^e Empire, King
of Germanie, of Castille,
of Leon, of Grenade, of
Arragon, of Nauarre,
of Naples, of Sicille, of Maiorque, of Sar-
daine, the Isles of Indies, and last lande of
the Ocean seas, Archduke of Austria,
Duke of Borgundie, of Letricke, of Brabant,
of Limbourg Luxembourg, and of Shelre,
Earle of Flanders, of Artoys, of Borgoingne,
Palatine and of Haynolde, of Holland and
Zealand, of Ferrette, of Hagenault, of Na-
mur, and of Zutphen, Prince of Swane,
Marquis of the holye Empire, Lord of
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Freeland, of Salins, and of Mechlen, of the
Citie, Cities, and Landes of Vtrecht Oue-
ryssel, and of Groening, Dominatoz in Asia,
and Affricke.

And we Philip by the same grace, p^rince
of Spaine, of both the Secillies of Ierusalem,
&c. Lord of Hubsburgh of Flanders, &c. To
al them y^e shal see these presents, grettings.
Forasmuch & to shew and declare the bet-
ter our inheritant lāds on this side & y^e good
and true subiectes therof, the vpright loue,
fauour, and affection, which we Emperors
alwayes haue bozne and yet are bearing.
Not requiring, but that which is and con-
cerneth their commō wellfaring, rest, peace,
and assuraunce. We haue sent for, and cau-
sed to come euer, our welbeloued p^rince of
Spaine, to the intent that hee him selfe
shoulde see, examine, visite, and knowe the
said our heritable landes of the Low coun-
treys, proceeded of succession, and likewise
shewe vnto the subiectes thereof, the good
and special true loue and affection which he
beareth vnto them. To the intent they shuld
be more enclined, affectioned, and to bee
bounde to remaine, and for the same cer-
taine other speciall reasons, haue we resol-
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ued, and concluded him to be receiued,
helde, and sworne, by the States and mem-
bers of all our saide heritable landes, and
among others by the Prelates, Nobles, &
four chiefe Cities of this our Dukedome
and countreys of Brabant, for their natu-
rall and chiefe Prince and Lorde, for
him his heires and successors, to bee oc-
cupied after our discease, the said our Duke-
dome and countreys of Brabant, with his
appurtenances, as iust and lawfull Lorde
thereof: All which we haue caused to be
proposed and declared to the aforesaid three
States of Brabant in our presence, and in
the presence of our welbeloued sister, and
Aunte of our Prince, lady Marie Queene
Dawgieresse of Hungarie, of Boheme, &c.
In our absence Regent and gouernour of
our said heritable landes. And that our
will and intention hath beene, and is yet,
that our saide sonne the Prince as our o-
nly heire to come, likewise do graunt, pro-
mise, and sweare the ioyfull income, after
the olde order and custome. But because
that in the ioyfull income which we and our
forefathers haue sworne, are in some points
and matters already done, and totally per-
fourmed,

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fourmed, others which are not to bee per-
fourmed; nor reasonably for the common
wealth and quietnesse of the same countrey.
And considering that our said sonne thinkes
and doeth require all that which hee shall
graunt, promise, & sweare vnto them point-
ly to obserue and perfourme. So haue we
caused to be made communicacion with the
aforesaide three States of Brabant, for to
haue our ioyful incomming to be seene ouer
and visited, because that they them selues
might consider al that which oughte there-
in to be moderated and variated. And for
to rescurme the articles which shoulde bee
found not to be obseruable, nor mainteined.
According to which ther had bene kept, di-
uers communicacions and assemblings to-
gether, so that finally after diuers delay-
ings, aduilemences, opinions, & reports re-
spectively made one to another, they haue
in that behalfe consented and willed them
selues, according to þ acte hereupon made,
signed by them. And allowe Prince hauing
sure and well vnderstanded the aforesayde
ioyfull income of our Lorde and Father,
and likewise the adioyned letters and addi-
tions thereof, with also the other adioyned
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letters and graunts of the sayd our grand-
father mentioned in the last article of our
aforesaid ioyful income, being cruely trans-
lated and sette ouer in the Spanish tongue,
and likewise also the vocation and modera-
tion therof, & that which therunto is set by,
according to the contention of the aforesaid
acte. willing and requesting according to
the good pleasure of our said Lord and Fa-
ther, the common cuntry of Brabant, and
the good people inhabitantes and subiects
therof, their rights, priuileges, freedoms,
customes, vsances, and old proceedings, ob-
serue and performe, especially considered,
the great and manifold seruices, fauours,
and fidelitie by them at diuers times done,
and shewed to our forefathers, Dukes, and
Duchesses of Brabant, of disceased memo-
rie, and among others to our remembred
Lorde the Emperour our Lord and father,
as true subiects ought to do to their Lords.
And as we trust that they likewise will do
to vs hereafter. So we haue the will, and
knowledge of our sayde Lord and Father,
in this our receiuing and holding within
the Citie of Louaine, and with our good
knowledge and will also graunted, giuen
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and consented, graunt, giue, and consente, search, priuileges, popuces, and fastnesse of rights, as here do followe, promising and swearing vnto them for vs, our heyyes and successours, after the discease of our sayde Lozde and father, (whome God almightie graunt a good long prosperous life,) feruent and stedfastly to obserue and mainteine and cause to bee obserued and mainteined, without breaking, interruption, for euer and euer.

I That wee shall bee the good and true Lordes, and shall not do nor suffer to bee done to them, any force and wil in any wise, and that we shal not meddle our selues, nor suffer to be medled with the fozraine lawes and iudgements. But that we shall vic and cause to be vsed al our Bpelates, almeshoules, Banrotches, Noble, and good people, and subiectes of our Cities and Townes of the Country of Brabant and Quermaze, vic & cause to be vsed in al matters with iudgement, and with lawe according to the lawes of the Cities and Benches, whereas the same ought to be done, and shal appertaine. And y the Judges of our said Country shal be bound to keepe their termecimes of law with

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without any meanes of prolongations by any their doings or procurement. Reserued that the foresaide Iudges may prolong their termes of Lordships once, & no more.

2 Item, that the preuiledges and charters belonging to the sayde countreys and good people, which they haue at this present, & herafter shal or may get in their countreys behalfe, shal remaine in the Castle of Aluorde, in the keeping of an honest worshipfull and well quallified man, borne and resident in Brabant, therunto by the prince committed, or to be committed. Reserued that the same Commissionor shall be sworn by the Prince in the presence of the States or their Deputies: whereunto the Prelates and Nobilitie haue appoynted two Prelates, and two Noble men, which the sayde Prince, or his Deputie, shal commodiously finde at the time when as the sayde Commissioner shall do his othe. And shall the thirde estate, to wit, the foure chiefe cities (thereunto being required by y^e prince) apoint one out of euery chiefe citie which shali bee called thereunto for to be likewise by the swearing of the same othe, which othe shall be and shall containe to bee good
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and true to the saide Prince, and not to alienate nor variate change nor hide the same charters and priuileges by him selfe, nor any others in any wise. And that the saide Commissioner shall giue ouer and deliuer to the States a generall Inuentary of the priuiledges and charters belonging to the said countrie and good people of Brabant, which shall be made by the sayd Commissioner & keeper, in the presence of the Chancellor of Brabant, so extendeth that euery one of the States may knowe thereby, that which concerned and belonged vnto them, for to be kept by the said States into their coffer, & to deliuer to no man in perticular the copie. But the same States, and euery of them, and of the foure chiefeſt citiez, at their request and by order of the saide Chancellour shall haue the sight thereof, Moreover that the saide keeper of the charters shall be bounde (being thereunto required) by the said States or any of them to giue the sight and copie auctentyke of such originall letters, as the same States, Citie or Citiez or any of them shall require and haue neede of, and that by order of the saide Prince or his Counsell of Brabant.

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3 Item, that we shall neuer bynde our selfe as Duke of Brabant, and countie of Limborch, and for the matters of the Lordshippes of the same countreies, for to make warres, nor lay to gage, nor cause for to be done vpon any of them, except it be by the counsell and wil of our cities and Countreie of Brabant, and that wee shall not seale, nor promise other matters wherewithall our countreys, limittes, or cities, or any of them of the sayd countreies, or the lawes, liberties, and priuileges shalbe interrupted, or diminished, wherewithal our countreys and subiectes thereof might be put to charges, or losse in any wise.

4 Item, that we shall take vpon vs the tytle and armes of Loirpcke, of Brabant, of Limbourgh, and Marquis of the holy Empire as it appertayneth, and that wee shall cause to be made and gathered a seale according to the saide Title and armes, with a speciall marke, different of our other seale, which wee shall, nor may cause to be altered, or any others to make, or cause to be counterfeited thereafter, neyther will nor consent therunto in any wise, except it were for reasonable causes which we shoulde then
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do, by the consent of their States of the said countrie of Brabant, which seale shall alwayes remaine in the saide countie of Brabant, and not be caried thereout, and therewithall shall be sealed al the matters belonging to our saide countie of Brabant and Quermaze, and the subiectes thereof, and none others, and that the letters therof shall be made by one of our Secretaries that shall be ordeyned for the matters of Brabant.

5 Item, that we shall entertayne seven worshipfull persons, whereof the one shall be Chancellour and sealer, bound within our saide countrie of Brabant, speaking three languages, scilicet, Latin, Frenche, and Dutch, which shall keepe our saide seale, and the fore bozne resident and inherited in our saide countrie of Brabant and that doe possesse of themselves, or by mariage in our saide countrie of Brabant Barronnies, and the other two of our part of our counsell, as we shall thinke best understanding dutch, to which seven and others thereunto, now ordeined them that shall please vs hereafter to the saide counsell to ordeine, wee or our gouernoure, or gouernaunt generall shall cause to meddle and doe all the matters of
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the same Countries, & the inhabitants thereof concerning Justice, and all that is thereunto depending, It be of Provisions ordinaries of Justice of statutes, placats edictes, ordinances, commaundements or others by counsell and aduise ment of the same, and the aforesaide counsell of Brabant, without that there shall bee done any let or impediment, nor that they shall stand to the order of any man, but of vs, our gouernour or gouernant general, and al them that shal be ours or our successours, Counsellers, or secretaries, befoze they shall meddle with office of counsell or offices by such faith, fidelitie, and othe as they shall haue done to our successoures, that they to oure thre states in our countries behalfe, shall promise and graunte that they shall neuer stande ouer or come by, make letters, signe seale wherewithal any of our conutries, Cities, Castles, people reuennues or Lordships by water or by Land, layeing on this side, or on the other side of the Raze, shal be encombyzed, charged, sold, alienated, giue away, or acquitted in any wise, except it be by consent, and assent of the afoze saide thre States, And if it be found that any of our

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Counsellors, do seale of the secretaries subscribe in their Counsell, office, and service, and do so misrule themselves: we shall then correct by counsell of the nobilitie and good Citties of our saide countrie of Brabant, of the mosse part thereof.

6 Item, that wee henceforth shall take nor mainteine none to our swozne counsell of Brabant: except they be good men bozne of lawfull birth in our countrie of Brabant, and resident within our countrie, inherited or possessing baronies in our saide countrie proceeding of themselves, or hauing them gotten by mariage, except the two of our counsell which haue the saide Dutche tong.

7 Item that we shal set good men of our counsell of Brabant, for to keepe a counsell chamber in our behalfe, in the place where as we shall keepe our residence in the saide Country, & if it did happen vs to be therewith, so that we may haue the same to be kept within the same country, in a fit place, which they shall haue full power, all men to discharge in our name, and that likewise our reckoning chamber shall be kept as it hath bene kepte vntill this time,

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8 Item that all letters aswell open as closed that shal be granted and & sent forth from hēceforth in our name out of our counsell of Brabant, either if it bee for vs, or at the request of parties, shall be made dispatched, & sent in such speech as is spoken in the places, whereas they shal be sent vnto.

9 Item y^e we shal set no Chancellor, nor sealer, into our Countreies of Brabant, except he be of lawfull birth, boyn within our Country of Brabant, & there dwelling, inheriting possellessing Barromies & in our said country of his owne succession, or by marriage, speaking thre languages as aforesaide, and being apt & for the purpose, and profitable to the office and Lande, whiche Chancelloz shall doe the othe to the same office belonging in our presence, and of the thre states to the vse of the common countreie, after the sort as here before is in one point comprehended, concerning the promises which our Counsellers, Sealers, & Secretaries, shall doe to the saide thre States. And that our Secretary of Brabant, and the Clarke of oure freelandes shall be bozne in Brabant: reserued that we may ordein two secretaries, though they are
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not bozne in Brabant.

IO Item that our Chauncelloz, & men of counsell, Secretaries, the men of our chamber of reckoninges in Brabant, and Clearks, Shirifs, Bailers of Warrants, masters of Woods, and al others that haue any great offices oz doinges. And likewise also all offices vppon the flat land, and also the Burugh masters, and Schepens of our Cities, and al others that do, oz administer iustice in our oz in our Castelles name, shall sweare vppon the holpe Euangelistes that they shall obserue these our ioyfull entrie in all pointes, forasmuche as it doeth belong to euery one of them, withour any doinges to the contrary thereof with counsel oz deede in any wise,

II Item that they of our Counsell, and all other our officers, Iustices, Burugh masters, Schepens, men of Counsell, men of free landes, our farmers that haue power to aske iudgement, and to giue iudgement and likewise that keep offices & seruices in our saide Country of Brabant, of what office ther be none reserued, both in cities, towns & villages, shall be sworne, Doing their oath that they shall not cause to bee taken any

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golde, goods, giftes nor any kind of things,
not cause nor suffer to be promised or taken
by themselves or by any other, for to ad-
uance or to hinder, but that they shall do to
all men aswell rich as poore, Equitie and
Justice without any dissembling; Moreo-
uer that they doe not haue respect vppon
Burghmasters, Schepens, Counsellers,
goodes, monie, giftes, nor any manner of
seruices, good deedes, giuen or promised,
nor offered, or cause to be offered, giue nor
offer, nor caused to be offered in their names
nor required, or praying therefore in any
wise, and whosoever doth to the contrary,
that in no wise such e neuer shall or may en-
ter in our counsell, seruice, nor in any lawe
or gouernement of our Cities, Townes, or
Villages.

12 Item that our Countreys of Lym-
burgh and beyond the Raze shall remain
for euer with our countrey of Brabant.

And that they neuer shalbe seperated
hercof, that we likewise shall release, and
discharge our other countreys of ouer
Raze, as we shall be able to do, and bring
them to our countrey of Brabant, for to re-
maine with them, without being separated.

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That mozeoner to the saide our Countreys of Brabant, shall remaine the Earle and Dyen with their appurtenāces, and others which are thereof alienated. And specially to procure so much, that through the aforesayd place of Dyen, at this present is out of our hands, that notwithstanding the same place bee brought and set agayne into our hands, and remaine together as it hath bene befoze, if right may be done. And that we, our landes, and castles of ouer Mase, with all their appurtenaunces, shall not encomber any moze or further, then there are encombred at this present time. And when they shall come into our hands and power, that wee shall then immediately cause them to bee asshamed, with our saide countrey of Brabant without any delay, with good sureties on this side of the Mase, and to deliver the houses thereof to our Countreys, and the sayde houses and townes to bee inhabited by Brabanders, or the same people of the same Countrey, and them that shall assure our Countreys, so well with good sureties resident on this side of the Mase, so that we and our countrey shalbe well assured thereof, that they shall not be seperated

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of the sayd our countreys in no wise. And that wee from thencefoorth neuer shall enlarge, noz incomber any more the said countreys, castles, & towngs of ouer Mase in any wise. And that the subiecces of our said countreys of ouer Mase, shall keepe their lawes, and Iustices, whereas it shall appertayne according to the vse of the Benches.

13 Item, that we shal keepe al our subiects and people, of our Countreys, and Cities: and Townes of Brabat, & ouer Mase, peaceably and quietly in the countreys of Hollande and Zelande, and all other Countreys to trauell by water and land, free and franke vpon their customes, as they were wont to do. And that we mozcouer, shall keepe our saide subiectes and people of our Country, Cities, and Towns, free & franke to trauell, passe, and repasse, without any molestation of any debts & promises which we oz our pædecessours, might owe and be debuable oz haue promised, oz y wee might owe and promise hereafter. Mozcouer, we haue confirmed and allowed to our citizens of our Citie of Bolducke, and do confirme and allow by these presents, such letters as they haue of Duke John of Brabant, and

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Lady Jacob, Duchesse in Beyre discea-
sed, concerning y they should be free of cu-
stome in Hollande & Zealand for their mar-
chandise: and we shall command our letters
to be made thereof sufficient, according to
the letters, and as the countrey of Chealtre,
that they shall be likewise free of custome,
passe, and repasse in the aforesaid countrie,
according to y letters which they haue like-
wille thereof. And if it were so, that any of
our subiectes by reason of debts, or promi-
ses of our said predecessor, or of vs should
fall in taske that we shal keepe them harm-
lesse thereof according to the contention of
letter thereof written in Wallon.

14 Item, that we shall keepe open all
our free treetes as we ought to do without
fraude or guile, for every man to passe and
repasse therethrough paying their custome,
except of debts or promises which hee do
owe, or any wilfulnes or offences which
might haue offended.

15 Item, that we shall compeell by rai-
se to be compeled all them that owe our
said Countrey, any wayes, bridges, or
passages through their land and goods, and
cause them to amerce well and sufficiently
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the same waies, bridges and passages from time to time, and if that therein were any fault, that in such case the chiefe citie where vnder such waies, bridges, and passages do lye, shall and may doe vppon the cosse and charges of him that is bound thereunto. And for that intent and for the obseruation of all neighbourly rights shall no man be excused.

16 Item, that from henceforth they that shall heare or haue part of our customes in our said countreys, during the terme of their hying. Also likewise them that haue parte in our cities in the coyning of money, shall or may not be ordeyned, are also likewise receiued.

17 Item, that whatsoener man or person that is taken prisoner within our sayde Countreies of Brabant and ouer Baze, that we shall not carpy nor cause to be caried out of our sayde Countreies.

18 Item that wee shall cause no money to bee coyned with our sayde countrey of Brabant, except it bee by the will and consent of the common Countreys aforesayde, and that the same peece of money, neuer shall or may bee made lyghter, and if that

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it be made lighter, that we shall & may take the same vpon our copners lyfe and goods, without delay or exception, & that the saide peere of money shalbe made in one of our free cities, and to warrant the same according to the contention of the charter, or letter heretofore made in Wallon.

19 Item, y^e no man y^e is not of a lawfull birth, shal or may be Counsellor, Sheriffe, nor Iusticer in Brabant, nor haue any office of vs.

20 Item, if in case there did fall any difference or fightings in our sayd Countreys that then all that bee not guiltie of the differents or fyghtings, shal haue fast and sure quietnesse from the houre that the sayd differents or fightings were done the space of 24 houres, and whosoever do some what in the matter, shall be more quieter.

21 Item, that we shall graunt no man freedom in the countrey, any that had laine a man, except he bee first reconciled with the friendes of the disceased.

22 Item, that all them that hencefoorth shall giue the office of Mayors, Bayliffes, & they that haue them already at this present time, that they shall serue the same, and

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that they shall or may not, transport, nor sell them, nor let them out, and them that keepe commons, or do other seruices, vpon the flatlandes, and that haue authoritie to administer Iustice to the people, shall without delay, put in certain sureties afore they shall or may haue their offices, & that in the hands of the Iustice, whereas they do serue in the behalfe of them that might suffer any hurt by them.

23 Item, that the officers of our country of Brabant, concerning Iustice shall not be let out, nor belent, but they shall bee serued as they haue bene vsed to haue kept and obserued in olde time to be serued, & all letting out thereof, shall be of no value nor effecte.

24 Item, y^e we shall not suffer y^e any man of our Countreys, shall or may arrest, encomber, nor trouble out of our countreis for any matters wheresoeuer they be, except he flee away befoze, without fraude or guile. Likewise also that whosoever of our subiectes doth call the other out of y^e Countrey for to fight, or cause to bee called to fight, they shall forfeite two hundred marks of fine golde, or other wayes to be corrected to the moderation and abiterment of them. of the

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the Counsell of Brabant.

25 Item, if any of our subjects did robbe or steale, in our countrey of Brabant Quermaze or the inhabitants thereof, & furthermore if they did lodge into their houses or succoured, with their will and knowledge any enemies to vs as Duke of Brabant, Limburgh and Lordes of the Countreys of Quermaze, that he shall leese his life and goods, and we shall nor may neuer graunt him againe the said our countreys, & if that we did giue pardon to such, that such pardon shall be of none effect.

26 Item, that if in case that any women were forced, so that shee did cry out, or that it were found to bee true, that it were done agaynst her will, and that she did remayne and continued with the man, then shall wee haue all her moueable goods, and her lands during her life, and after her death, shall the landes returne and succede where as they ought to goe. And if she did not remayne and continue by the man. In such case we shall haue neither the moueable goods neyther landes, and shall the man that committeth such things, and all his helpers, and likewise they that with their knowledge do helpe,

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help succour and lodge him, doe forsaite their liues, and all their goodes for euer, if in case that they may forsaite it, And if in case that any man did by force conueie away any childe being vnder age, either man childe or woman childe, so shall they and all their helpers haue forfetted their life and goodes without exception, and against the same no man shall haue excuse by S. Peters manship, freedome of Cities, or others, but there shall bee vsed according to the lawes of the countries.

27 Item that women shall be accused, nor may bee accused which shoulde hinder him concerning bludshed, neither of killing of any bodie, if in case that hee dare truste himself to stande to the trueth thereof, and will come to his notgyltinesse, vntill the time that he shall be vanquished. Reserued that the officer of the place shall and maie arrest him and keep him in prison, keeping the goodes of him in safetie, proceeding against him to the diffinitive, either of condemnation or absolution.

28 Item that all our good people and subiectes of our Cities and Countries of Brabant and of Duermaze, touching all
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publique mishappes which may happen to come to their bodie, or their Children, seruantes and familie in whatsoeuer sorte or manner it were, Whereby they or any of them did come from life to death, without any proceeding faultes, the same shall stand and remaine free and franke of any forfets or confiscation of their goodes. Of whiche mischance the magistrates of the places shall visite and consider the matters (at the request of the officer there) and that being done shall declare whether it ought to bee kept for mischance or not, And suche as they shall declare concerning the matter, shall be kept obserued and persourmed, and if in case, that there bee founde anye fault before, then shall and may the Magistrates punishe the offender extraordinarily, according to the state of the matter.

29 Item whatsoeuer Cities, Townes Lordships or fortresses, which we shall win with force of armes and common warre out of our countries of Brabant, vpon whatsoeuer Princes or Lordes, that they shall remaine and apperteine, to our Countrie of Brabant aforesaid, without turning backe againe, and that they shall vse and doe

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as our common country ought to do with,
out parting likewise, as our saide Country
of Brabant.

30 Item whosoever requireth adioui-
ning within our said Countrie of Brabant
and ouermaze, that wee shall cause him to
haue against all men.

31 Item that Saint Peters men & all
they that are of Saint Peters manshapen
compaunie shall be vsed and kepte as they
ought to be kept by all equitie and Justice.

32 Item if in case that any parties two
together beeing lowe persons do goe to
lawe concerning any goods, hauing within
our saide countries and the said parties ha-
uing proceeded to the end and condemnati-
on, so that the one do leese the processe or
iudgement, and if the same wherefore the
processe was there Iudged from him, and
if he did shew the same to any priest, Cleark
or other spiritual person, or likewise to any
other for trouble, & molest the other out of
the Countrie whiche had the iudgement
vpon him, if also any person resident within
our Countrie had the aduancement of the
matter, or that also any person residente,
within our said Countrie that did giue ouer
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the matter to any others for to trouble and molest the partie out the Countreies. that he y did any of these things shal forfeit two hundred Marks of golde, or otherwaies to be punished at the arbitrement and moderation of them of our counsell of Brabant.

33 Item that euery man shall and may keepe his own lands or cause, is to be watched and keepe Dogges therto, the clawes vnshortened, without calenging and if that it hapened that any wilde, bzeake his neck, or ware hurted by the dogs, that the same shal so remaine laying, and that their dogs shal suffer no hurt or damage thereby, And that further euery man shall and may hunt Haires and foxes thorow out all Brabant without calenging, and likewise Connies without free warrands, and also flye with Haukes ouer all without chalenging.

34 Item that henceforth all knightes, yeomen and al good people resident within our conntrie of Brabant, shal and may hunt thorow all Brabant in his season, all manner of wilde Deere. Without chalenging, excepte. In the warrantes and Woodes of Zonien, of Zauenterlo, of Grootheyste, of Cleeredale and Grootenhout, and to the intent

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entent that this point should be obserued, so
ame we promised and sworne, do promise
and sweare as is sayd that we shall neuer
make any trespasing, nor cause, nor suffer to
be made any commardement to the contra-
ry in any maner of wise, wherewithal these
pointes shal suffer any let, hurt, or interrup-
tion.

35 Item, that henceforth within our said
countrey of Brabant, shalbe any warrants,
nor kept any then the free warrants, then
those that haue bin free warrants, since the
yere 1367. and haue bene receiued, so long
time for free, of thē that oweth them, except
that the good people, suffer not thereby any
unreasonable damage.

36 Item, that the debt shall be brought
or deliuered by the lawes or warrants, and
wards excepted, debts proceeding of wood
and timber, of olde woods of the Prince,
of the countrey, or of other warranties of the
Prince of the Countrey, or of other woods
and wards, which from old time haue stood
vnder the same lawe.

37 Item, that there shalbe in our coun-
trei of Wallon, a Bayliffe, an honest man
borne in our countrey of Brabant, and that
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his clearke and other officers vnder bozne, and likewise our other iustices & officers of our other 6. offices, shalbe bozne of our countrey of Brabant. And that the court of Genepia, shalbe kept as it was heretofore, so that no man that shall haue occasion there to do, shal not be vsed without order of law.

38 Item, that also henceforth our small Lords, Iustices, & Officers, Rēmasters, particularly shalbe bozne within our countrey of Brabant, so that they shall nor may haue serued their sayde offices by any outlandishborne, of what so ever qualitie they be, and also our Lieutenants of our castles, of our sayd countrey of Brabant, shalbe in bozne Brabants, except it were that they did possesse by them selues, or by marriage any olde possessions of the same countrey.

39 Item, that we shall keepe in state our reformed Benches of Samhouen and of Uccle, as they now be, & as apperteineth, and that our Schepens of Uccle, shall keep their residence in Brussell.

40 Item, that our citie of Antwerppe with the appurtenāces therunto belonging, shal remaine assembled for ever to our good cities and countrey of Brabant, after such

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fort & manour, as she was at the time when she was separated from Brabant, and likewise our Citie of Muelle, as she hath bene untill this day.

41 Item, y^e our assembling daies which we shall henceforth sende to our States, and countrey of Brabant, and of Duermaze that we shal write alwaies for the 14. daies before the day, that y^e appointed assembling day shalbe kept (except the matters, wherefore we would keep the same assemblies, did require great haste, and that we shal appoint such commodious places, whereas our saide states may free and frankly without danger, come & goe. And that euery one of our Prelates, Barrotches, Noble, citises, & Townes, of our saide countrey of Brabant and Duermaze, before vs or ellwhere, where as it apperteyneth ioyntly or particularly shal & may say open & declare their charges, and satisfie therewithall without any indignation or rebuke of vs, or by others to haue, or by vs to be disfaoured in any wise, and if in case that they therefore did get any hurt, the same do we promise to reuege vpon his or their liues & goods thout remedy.

42 Item, that we shall alwayes set & ordaine

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Daime the countreys of our free lands in the places whereas we shall keepe place of residence, so that the parties, with their witnesses, & other things thereunto belonging may easily come therein, and whensoever it shall happen to vs, to be out of our countrey of Brabant, then shall we ordaine an honest man, eyther our chiefe Sherife of Brabant, or an other þ might bee councelloy in Brabant: which in our absence, & as long as we shall please vs, shall receiue the free lands touching vs, and in our absence keepe the court dayes in the place whereas the residence shall be of our Counsell chambers, and he shall and may do all that appertayneth to the free lands, as we might do being ourselves present, without giuing, or forgiuing any thing.

¶ 43 Item, that we shall keep free, & cause to be kept free, al our fayres being within the city of Antwerp, aswel by water as by land of body & goods, within all our Countrey liberties, powers, & commandements. And if it came to passe, by the aforesaid faire was prolonged 14 dayes or vnder, by the Magistrates of our citie of Antwerpe, we do promise that we shall keepe, or cause to be kept

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free y^e said prolonged dayes, as free as we are bonde
for to keepe the principall dayes of the layre.

44 Item, that we shall not suffer our free faires
of our cities of Brussel, Antwerpe, and likewise the
free fayres of the citie of Barrowe, or Zoam, to bee
troubled or interrupted by any executions, coman-
dements, or diffentions, eyther by letters of mark,
countermarkes, arrestmentes, or their like, whiche
we might graunt to the contrary, herein excepted
our owne proper debtes, & also likewise y^e ordinance
made, or to bee made by vs, bypon the matter of
coyning, which ordinance we wil haue obserued, as
wel in the aforesayd yerely faires as without, for to
haue punished and corrected the transgressors.

45 Item, y^e we h^eceforth shal grāt no priuiledges,
nor liberties to the nations that keepe staple in our
countrey of Flāders, y^e can or may preiudice & hin-
der our saide countreys, & inhabitants of Brabant.

46 Item, that we shal let y^e inhabitants of our cou-
ntrey of Brabant, & their goods which they haue in
other countreys and lands, or shal haue hereafter, &
the fruites thereof shal suffer quietly and peaceably
to haue and enioy, notwithstanding any commande-
ments, or defendings, which might be made to the
contrary thereof. And likewise the merchants, and
inhabitants of all our countreys, lordships, and iuris-
dictions, shal haue & may one among another, traf-
fike with their goods and marchandize, and walke,
trauel, bargain, sel, bying their goods to the market

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to sell, where their liking shall thinke best, paying their ordinarie custome and charges.

47 Item, that we shall cause to be kept, & remain vnto our countrey of Brabant, and in the handes of our said countrey indistinctly, the landes, castles, & townes of Wensden, & S. Shertruydenbergh, with all their appurtenances, if in case we may do it with right and reason, due both for the costs and charges or shal kepe or cause to be kept vntil y^e money which is den & suffered in y^e assigning of S. Shertruydenbergh, and the taking in, and prouiding of Wensden, be duely and totally payde and restituted.

48 Item, if it happen that the cities of Holland, & Zeland, did not persourne and obserue such tractat or agreement made, and agreed betweene the Pensionaries of Brabant, that we shal then do full iustice like as if it were of other lawfull debt to the Pensionaries of Brabant, hauing life peniō vpon the said cities of Holland, and Zeland, in commanding them and the inhabitants thereof.

49 Item, mozeouer we haue promised, & by these presents do promise them of y^e States of our countrey of Brabant, and Duetmaze, that our lands of our citie of Graue, with the lands of Duke Kessel, and Dyen, if the law will suffer it, shall alwayes remaine annexed and incorporated with our said countreys of Brabant, & that the inhabitants of the said land & citie of Graue, wth the said land of Cuyt Kessel & sel Dyen, and shal haue their resort to our counsel

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of Brabant, & not be thereof in any wise seperated

50 Item, that all marchants of whatsoeuer countrey or nation they be, aswel outlādish as inlandish shal and may go by water, to traffect, frequent:bie, & sel peaceably, & quietly in our said countrey of Brabant, & Duermaze, both among vs, & the smal lordes of the same our countreis, in what cities, townes, or places, whereas it shal please the best, paying their custome & charges, wout that the saide marchantes shal and may be compelled w any restrict commandemēt, or defendings or other waies for to compel to sel the moze their marchandizes in one particuler place then in another. And that the saide marchantes shall & may chuse themselves their dwelling places and kepe where it shal please them, wout that for any staples sake, or other wayes they shalbe let or hindred in their free wil, in any wise reserued, that the same which is aforesaid, shall or may not larger be extended then to the Staples which are at this present, within our countreys of Brabant.

51 Item, h we will not nor may suffer to be done h any of our subiectes of our countreys of Brabant and of Duermaze shalbe, (for any ciuill matters) kept and detayned prisoners in any castelles, but that they shal keep their imprisonment within the countreys, except whereas there be no countreys, & that notwithstanding the sayde prisoner putting in suretie for ciuill matters, for to stand to the law and

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to accomplish the iudgement, as apperteyneth to the use of the place there, except he were arrested vpon condemnations, or for our proper debts.

52 Item, that euery one of what state or condition he shalbe, shall or may not fishe vpon the riuer of the Zenne as hath bin vled, and was in the time of our olde grandfather, Duke Philip.

43 Item, whensoever we or the officers of our Iustices shall haue, apprehende, take prisoner any man, by water or by land, which hath robd or stolen, or taken away anothers goodes, money, or substance, and that he had yet the same goods, or knew y^e same goods where they were sold, so shall y^e same goods not being forfeited, but the officer vnder whō this shal happen, shalbe bound to restitute, or cause to be restituted to the party from whom it was taken and stolen, if in case the said partie can proue it lawfully to be his owne, and that it appeareth lawfully to be his owne, reserued that he shalbe bounde to pay to the officer which did this arrest or apprehension, his reasonable salary at the discretion of the Magistrats of that same place where this was done.

44 Item that henceforth shal nor may apprehend or arrest any of the liberties of cities or other waies being vnder vs that are of a good name & fame, except the officer of the place shall first and for most haue taken full information of the suspicion, where vppon he woulde arrest and apprehende him, and that

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that no man shall or may be put to sharpe examination, except the officer shall first and foremost haue shewed his information to the Magistrates of the place, and that he be thereto condemned by iudgement of the magistrats, except it wer a priuiledged Crime, and whereof the magistrates of the flat land ought to haue no knowledge, and y^e the knowledge belongeth to vs and to our said counsel.

55 Item y^e from hencefoorth for ever, no Maior Shiriffe-Bailife nor any other officers of our countries of Brabant, by vertue of transport or letter of Attoynie, which they might haue of any mā, or yet accept, shal or may arrest encōber, attach & charge within their liberties by themselves or any others, any inhabitantes of the said our countries, or their goodes, by vertue of any debtes whiche the Cities, Townes and Villages, doe owe of rentes of Lifepensions or other debtes, and if they doe to the contrary, that the same shall be of no valure, and beside that, shal forget to the Lord wheras this shalbe done tenne Andzewe Ghilozen.

56 If that hencefoorth there shall bee given no commens, almosles of Lands and perpetual rents in no maner of wise, and that we shall do al our diligence, for to get and to haue reduction of the chaire of Rome of the Annates, of all the Cloisters, & all Almshouses which are or may be discomforted therein, moze then they haue beene therein discomforted

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heretofore, Reserued that the aforesaid prelates almshouses & cloisters, shall finde & pay for the costs and charges needefull to the said reduction.

57 Item moreover we haue confirmed and ratified, confirme and ratifie by these pattens al our prelates almshouses Cloisters, Banrotches knights, Cicies, Townes, and all other oure subiectes and good people of our Countries of Brabant, Duermaze, and all their lawes Liberties, Priuiledges, Charters, Customs, Usances and olde proceedings of lands which they haue, and are giuen, graunted, and sealed them by our forefathers, Dukes and duressees, and also them which they haue vsed, hanted, and wherz went to vse and specially the odde letter graunted to the said thzee states by our said Duke Philip our olde grandfather diseased at his incomming of the date as the letters be of the said incomming. Likewise two other letters graunted by the saide our grandfather diseased the one of the date. 1451. the 20. daie of April, and y other in the yere. 1457. 28. daies in Nouember, and likewise the two additions of the ioyful income of the Lorde, our father giuen at Chaunte of the twentie day of April in the yere 1515 after Easter, and the other giuen at Bridges the 26. of April in the same yere and doe giue them generally & specially: if in case they doe stand to obseruation, and are able to be obserued, to hold them firme and stabell for ever, for vs our heirs & successours, without breaking or doing

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or cause to be done to the contrary in any wise.

58 Item we do promise them mozcouer for vs our heires and successours, that wee shall neuer alledge deuise or propose, nor cause to be alleaged, as that we are not bound & del uable to keep & obserue the aforesaide liberties, lawes, Priuiledges, Charters, Customes, vsances, and olde uses which when we haue heretofore confirmed & ratified in generall, because and for that we haue not graunted and promised to them the saide pointes and articles, particularly, which we will that shall do no hurte, hinderance or prejudice to them, And because that we will and desire that all the aforesaid pointes, articles gistes, promises, confirmations, and assurances, shal be kepte and remaine sure and constantly for euer. So is it therefore that we haue them altogether generally promised in good faith to all the prelates, cloisters, and alms houses, Barons, knights, Cities, townes, and to all our good people and subiectes of the saide Countries of Brabant and Quer-maze, to their heires and successours, and do promise in good faith, and frendly sworne bypon the holpe Gospel for vs, our heires and successers that after the disese of our Lezde and father, to keepe them fait and stedfastly, and there againste neuer to doe or cause to be done, nor suffer to be done in any wise. And if in case that we, our heires and successoures did doe, say, or suppose hereagainst or caused to bee

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done, by our selfe or others in our name, in part or in all, in whatsoeuer manner it were. So do we in that case consent & do wil our pzelates, barrons, knights Cities and townes, and al others our said subiectes that they shall do to vs, our heires and successours no manner of seruice, nor be obedient in no manner of Cales that we neede, or that wee might require & do request of them vntil the time we shal haue made fullie amendes, and left and forsaaken immediatly, all the matters afoze mencioned, whereunto we will do, discern, and declare, that immediatly, al our offices doing to the contrary of this my incomming, shall be left, forsaaken, and that al henceforth shall or may be attempted, shalbe of none effect and shall not be obserued in any wise hereafter. And all without fraude or guile. In witnes of which things and for perpetuall assurance, haue wee Emperour and prince afozelsaid caused our seale hereunto to be hanging. Given in our Citie of Louaine, the fist day of July, Anno. 1549. of our empire of vs Charles the 30. and of our Realmes of Castile, and others. 34. Thus subsigned, Charles, Philippe, & vnderneath is written, By the Emperoz, & the saide Prince, & signed by the audience, and first Secretary Cerric hen, and this Letter was sealed with the scale of the emperoz & prince in red ware with gold and blacke silke strings. And vnderneath was written, Collationed and found agreed with the originall, By me J. Facuwez.

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Exhibited to the French king.
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concerning the holy
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Whereunto is adioyned:

AN
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& his adherents for their ne-
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